

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 5 Nov 2024 Minutes

Public Time

- a) A resident highlighted the nettles on route to Wells in the Field. B&D Borough Council will not clear the pavement and confirmed this as an HCC matter. **Action:** raise with HCC.
- b) It was noted that the SID currently on the B3400 is set at 30 not 40. **Action:** request it is reset
- c) A member of public raised concern over parking arrangements when weddings are held at Bombay Sapphire – particularly wrt increase use of Laverstoke Lane for parking or LRH car park. They felt everything should be contained in the site.

Borough Councillor Update – Colin Phillimore updated the meeting. B&D have finally signed off 3.5k houses on Manydown. Council leader, David Harvey & Portfolio Holder for Planning, Andy Konieczko are coming to Overton on 7 Nov for meeting open to public. (Included in Nov newsletter.) Major projects – the ice rink is shutting for 6 months for repairs. There will be a new aquadrome. Bus services e.g. 74 under threat from HCC cuts but B&D may be able to subsidise.

County Councillor Update - none

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Diccon Harvey
In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Andrew White, Julia Chedgey, Jayne Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest** – David Ellis: PCC and Millennium Green
3. **Signature & approval of Minutes of 1 Oct Meeting** - approved and signed.
4. **Book Exchange Proposal** A plan by David has been circulated to cllrs for consideration. He invited initiating resident to address meeting. They considered the box proposed by David was a suitable size - anything much larger would be harder to keep tidy – and agreed to be the ‘librarian’. Jayne proposed and Andrew seconded installation of wooden birdbox style book exchange in verge or grass area beside Manor Cottages subject to checking right to install on verge and checking B&D permissions required. All agreed. **Action:** Include in newsletter and request comment especially from nearby residents.
5. **Maintenance items** – A resident had reported they had logged the dangerous pothole on Bombay Sapphire car park boundary with Laverstoke Lane. The archery club have raised an issue with moles on their shooting line.
6. **Community Site updates** incl. Update on Pavilion Lease for TVMS – with delegated authority David and Jo have requested solicitors raise lease for TVMS and TVMS have agreed it. The PC have engaged with DLR and they’ve agreed to instruct their solicitors.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1. Finance report for Oct 24 & payments made over £200 ex VAT & transfers. See end of minutes.
Bank reconciliations for Sept & Oct were signed by Jayne.
 - 7.2. Approval of payments to be made over £300 (excluding pre-authorised) – none
 - 7.3. **First pass budget for 25/26**
PC and CC both need to be viable in own right. An inflationary increase has been applied to many items at 2.6%. However, salary costs will increase 6.7% given the National Living Wage increase announced in the budget and this goes to 8.5% with employers NI @15% over £5000. Colin mentioned that Local Authorities may be getting an exemption at Borough level. It is not clear if this could be cascaded down to PCs. Overall PC costs will be c. 5.4% up. Currently £800 for tree works are included in PC grounds maintenance which could be removed. We need to aim for a small surplus overall. Currently a c. 6% precept increase would be needed with current PC cost obligations. An increase is unavoidable. Community Site needs to keep surplus for long term maintenance while questions over freehold remain. An additional £3k for repairs has been included.
8. **Outreach Comms** – Jayne made a request for improved comms for better engagement with parishioners. It was discussed this could include a positive, engaging, quick clear response to emails possibly with a standard reply.
Action: clerk set up out of office

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9. **Millennium Green engagement** – Jayne raised encouraging closer conversation and debate with Millennium Green. There is confusion on what land is owned by PC and which by Millennium Green and some crossover of people. The tree warden had made some proposals which mainly related to Millennium Green land which is a charitable trust. They did not support all elements of it. PC has right to appoint a rep and Colin is appointed from Borough. Mill Green has AGM which is open every year. Residents can get involved in the Millennium Green
Action: include info regarding Millennium Green in newsletter.
10. **Correspondence**
- 10.1. HALC - Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting consultation. It was discussed that power to allow the odd remote attendance at PC meetings might be useful although full hybrids would not work without good equipment. It was felt proxy voting would not work. **Action:** clerk to respond
- 10.2. Laverstoke Park - 15m boundary wall demolished in crash
- 10.3. HCC survey to identify issues with accessibility & connectivity for walking & cycling. **Action:** Put in Dec newsletter and reply given narrowing of paving issues in Freefolk
11. **Co-Option of Councillor** Alice MacGinnis, a primary teacher in a senior leadership team who recently moved into Laverstoke, gave background to her request to join PC. Jayne proposed and Julia seconded and all agreed to co-opt.
12. **Householder request for connection to PC drain**, Freefolk. Detailed plans had been sent through to PC. All work to be inspected by B&D building control. It was considered that land value would not be affected given the existing land covenants. PC needs to ensure no adverse legal or liability concerns. David proposed, Andrew seconded that consent be given subject to checking that no liabilities fall on the PC. All agreed.
13. **Planning** – none

Next PC meeting: 3 December 2024 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

Sign.....Date.....

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Reporting Year:

Year to 31 March 2025 (7 of 12)

Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

Month:

October 2024

All £	Parish Council				Community Site				Total		
	Month	YTD	Full year Budget	Budget Remaining	Month	YTD	Full year Budget	Budget Remaining	Month	YTD	Full year Budget
Precept	-	10,200	10,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,200	10,200
Grants	-	344	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	344	344
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire - Nursery	-	-	-	-	823	4,776	9,894	5,118	823	4,776	9,894
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	150	662	2,000	1,338	150	662	2,000
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	(100)	100	100	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	2,991	4,446	1,455	-	2,991	4,446
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	2,179	2,154	(25)	-	2,179	2,154
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	350	300	(50)	-	350	300
Interest Income	-	950	131	(819)	-	-	1,571	1,571	-	950	1,702
Total Income	-	11,493	10,675	(819)	1,073	11,059	20,365	9,306	1,073	22,553	31,040
Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(398)	(2,566)	(5,090)	(2,525)	(86)	(922)	(1,080)	(158)	(483)	(3,487)	(6,170)
Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	(292)	(292)	-	(4,010)	(3,647)	363	-	(4,010)	(3,939)
Professional fees	-	(956)	(730)	226	-	(1,285)	(3,313)	(2,028)	-	(2,240)	(4,043)
IT costs	(2)	(192)	(548)	(357)	-	-	-	-	(2)	(192)	(548)
Grounds Maint.	(189)	(1,469)	(2,915)	(1,446)	-	(117)	(272)	(155)	(189)	(1,586)	(3,187)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(230)	(503)	(274)	-	-	-	-	-	(230)	(503)
SID Management	-	(600)	(1,228)	(628)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(1,228)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(313)	(2,857)	(3,869)	(1,012)	(313)	(2,857)	(3,869)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	-	(566)	(1,000)	(434)	-	(566)	(1,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(21)	(351)	(1,033)	(682)	(21)	(351)	(1,033)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(650)	(650)	-	-	(650)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	(71)	(244)	(447)	(203)	-	-	(60)	(60)	(71)	(244)	(507)
Total Expenses	(659)	(6,256)	(11,753)	(5,497)	(420)	(10,109)	(14,924)	(4,815)	(1,079)	(16,365)	(26,677)
Grants Made	-	(900)	(900)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(900)	(900)
Project costs	-	(500)	-	500	-	(3,000)	(6,605)	(3,605)	-	(3,500)	(6,605)
Net Cash Movement before VAT	(659)	3,838	(1,978)	(5,816)	653	(2,050)	(1,164)	886	(6)	1,788	(3,142)
Net Vat									28	(54)	-
Net cash Movement									21	1,734	(3,142)
Reserves/cash b/f									69,542	67,830	67,830
Reserves/cash c/f									69,563	69,563	64,688

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Payments over £200

Reporting Year:

Year to 31 March 2025 (7 of 12)

Month:

October 2024

Supplier

Description

Months

Total

Clerk Clerk salary PC & CC Oct -475.34

Bank Transfers Oct 24

Date

Amount £

From bank

To bank

Reason

07/10/2024 100.00

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council (Unity Bank)

L&F Parish Council (HSBC)

To ensure funds for visa payment for printer consumables

04/10/2024 1500.00

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council (Unity Bank)

L&F PC Unity Savings

To gain interest in savings account